

- Represent defendant charged with an offense who have a complaint involving that same crime. Defendants should consult their attorney for assistance;
- Bring any criminal action against another person or agency for the victim;
- Reverse decisions already made by a criminal justice agency.

Is My Information Confidential?

Yes. The OVR is required by law to keep secret information and the identities of victims and witnesses unless permission is given by the victim. Confidential records obtained from a court or justice agency cannot be disclosed even to a victim.

What Can I Expect?

When you call we will talk to you about your experience. A complaint form must be filled out. It is available on line at our web site or it will be sent to you. It will require your signature so we can talk about your experience with other agencies and investigate your case. When the investigation begins, one of our attorneys will contact you. The attorney assigned to your case will continue to talk to you throughout the investigation. Before your case is finalized you will have an opportunity to discuss the results with the OVR attorney.

How Is The OVR Different From Other Victims Support Agencies?

We provide legal help to crime victims who feel their rights have been violated by a justice agency. We do not provide grief support. Other agencies assist victims with their grief process, help them collect money, or assist reimbursement of victims' costs. One such agency is the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) that can provide money to victims who have been physically or emotionally injured in a violent crime. Contact the VCCB at POB 110230, Juneau, AK 99811-0230 or 1-800-764-3040 or call collect to 1-907-465-3040 for help.

Do I Have To Pay For Your Service?

No. There is no cost to crime victims. The OVR is funded from money collected from the permanent fund dividend checks of convicted criminals.

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What Are My Rights?

Crime victims have many rights in Alaska. Listed below are *some* of them. For a complete list of constitutional and statutory rights, please contact us at the address listed below.

- Fair, respectful treatment by all;
- Protection from the accused;
- Access to talk to prosecutors;
- Timely disposition of your case;
- Allowed to be present at all proceedings where the accused is present, even juvenile proceedings;
- Restitution. Victims may seek civil restitution and receive information about compensation for violent crimes;
- To be told when the accused is released or escapes from jail;
- Immediate medical assistance;
- Transportation to a safe house or a shelter;
- Assistance in obtaining protective orders from a judge;
- Right to privacy: Personal information about any victim or witness is confidential. Kidnapping and sexual assault victims' names may not be used in public records. Victims are not required to speak with defense attorneys or their investigators;
- Public may not view records which would invade a victims' privacy;
- Notification of release or change of custody status of the accused.

Sexual Assault Victims

- No charge for medical rape exam;
- Testing of accused upon request of the victim for HIV and STD;
- Past sexual conduct inadmissible at trial unless judge rules it is relevant;

Rights At Trial

- Not to be compelled to submit to psychiatric evaluation unless its an element of the offense;
- Employer cannot penalize or threaten victim for attendance of court proceedings;

Psychiatric Commitment Of The Accused

- Notice of commitment and change in commitment status;
- Notice of finding of not guilty by reason of insanity;
- Notice upon request of hearings related to special medical parole;

After Sentencing

- Notice of appeal given to the victim;
- Complete conviction history given to the victim after sentencing;
- Victims' restitution paid first if profit is made from crime by reenactment;

Post-Sentencing Modification

- Victim has right to address court;
- Victim must be notified of motions to modify the defendant's sentence;
- Notice of hearings to review discretionary parole.

Who Does The OVR Help?

We help crime victims who feel their rights have been denied them by justice agencies. Justice agencies include prosecutors, police and judges. Victims can be family members or actual victims of:

- Any felony crime;
- Class A misdemeanors involving domestic violence, and
- Misdemeanors involving crimes against a person.

How Can The OVR Help You?

We can make inquiries to justice agencies, issue subpoenas, hold private hearings, and get copies of all records the defendant receives. As a result of OVR's work, problems can be identified, agencies may change procedures, and future victims will not repeat bad experiences.

What Can t The OVR Do?

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- Collect reimbursements for victims. Victims should consult with the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (see over) for compensation or consult a private attorney for other monetary collection;